



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that there will be a General Parks Board meeting, to begin on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 11:00 AM** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park located at One Burruel Street, Tubac, AZ. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00 AM (time certain).

The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken.

The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL** – Time Certain: 11:00 AM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
 - 1. Board Statement - "As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."
- D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Presentation time may be limited to three minutes at the discretion of the Chair; the Chair may limit a presentation to one person per organization. The Board may direct staff to study or reschedule any matter for a future meeting.
- E. CONSENT AGENDA** – Items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation regarding these items prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting, as deemed necessary. Anyone may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office.
- F. DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE EVENTS** – The Executive Director will provide a report on current and future issues and events affecting Arizona State Parks. A list of items to be discussed under this agenda item will be posted on the State Parks website (azstateparks.com) 24 hours in advance of the Parks Board meeting.



G. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider the Reallocation of Funds for Ambassador Expansion to the Community Forest Trust (CFT).

Recommended Motion: I move to allow the Community Forest Trust to use up to \$12,000 of the remaining funds awarded in grant #571018 – Prescott NF OHV Ambassador Program for direct payroll cost for their OHVA Unit Coordinator.

2. Consider Revision to the OHV Project Grant Rating Process, Criteria and Evaluation Form.

Recommended Motion: I move the Arizona State Parks Board revise the Grant Rating Criteria for the 2013 OHV Statewide Grant Program Manual per the recommendation of OHVAG on February 22, 2013.

3. Arizona State Parks Board will review recommendation of trails for inclusion into the State Trails System (STS).

Recommended Motion: I move to accept the trails listed in Table 1 into the State Trails System.

4. Consider Funding The January 2013 Statewide OHV Program Project Funding Grant Projects.

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H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. State Parks Legislative Update
HB2181 (Agency Continuation Bill)
HB2172 (State Lake Improvement Fund)
HB2621 (State Parks Fund)
2. State Parks Operations
Status Update from Deputy Director of Operations
Status Update of Tubac Presidio State Historic Park
3. Revenue Forecast by Major Fund and Park Visitation Update

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff recommends the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the Arizona State Parks offices at 10:00 AM.
2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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Bryan Martyn, Executive Director

3/18/13 5:24 PM

Arizona State Parks Board Action Report
Agenda Item #: G-1



Title: Consider the Reallocation of Funds for Ambassador Expansion to the Community Forest Trust (CFT)
Staff Lead: Kent Ennis, Deputy Director
Date: March 20, 2013

Recommended Motion:

I move to allow the Community Forest Trust to use up to \$12,000 of the remaining funds awarded in grant #571018 – Prescott NF OHV Ambassador Program for direct payroll cost for their OHVA Unit Coordinator.

Status to Date:

The Community Forest Trust was awarded \$18,500 to operate the OHV Ambassador Program for three years (May 2011 – April 2014). These funds were allocated to:

- Recruit OHV Ambassador Program volunteers
- Coordinate training for OHV Ambassador volunteers
- Work with sponsor agency lead to schedule, coordinate, and conduct events as identified in the OHV Ambassador Program Agency Manual (rev 10/2010)
- Purchase and maintain equipment and materials to operate the OHV Ambassador Program
- Compile statistics and provide reports as requested
- Keep complete and accurate financial records

The grant fund allocations were based on an estimate of the funds needed to operate the OHVA Program. As it has turned out, the cost of materials and equipment maintenance has been significantly less than estimated.

The grant was awarded with the understanding that Community Forest Trust would fund the Unit Coordinator for the term of the agreement. The original Unit Coordinator was paid jointly by the CFT and the Prescott NF to coordinate all CFT volunteer activities on the forest. Adding the OHV Ambassador Program to those responsibilities proved unmanageable. CFT sought funding from other grant sources to pay a coordinator for the OHVA Program.

A OHVA Unit Coordinator was hired for up to 24 hours per week. The CFT OHV Ambassador Program did a commendable job organizing and coordinating 28 events OHVA events with the Prescott NF from June 2011 to October 2012.

The CFT received an advance of \$8,500 from the OHV Recreation Fund in May 2011 and began operating OHVA events in June. To date they have only spent \$6,127 of the funds advanced for the first year.

Staff believes it is in the best interest of the OHV Ambassador Program and our agency mission to work through our partners to manage recreation resources to allow CFT to use up to \$12,000 of their remaining grant allocation through May 2014 for direct payroll cost for the OHVA Unit Coordinator.

Time Frame:

Staff will amend the grant agreement with CFT upon State Parks Board approval.

Staff and Financial Resources:

Grant administration and OHV Program responsibilities fall within the normal staff duties.

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Relation to Strategic Plan:

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

At the May 2010 Parks Board meeting OHVAG was given the authority to select OHV and RTP motorized projects for funding. OHVAG approved funding for the Community Forest Trust Ambassador at their February 25, 2011.

Attachments:

Attachment D.2.a – Letter from CFT re Allocation of OHVA Program Expansion Grant Funds



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November 26, 2012

Robert Baldwin, Recreational Trails Grant Coordinator
Arizona State Parks Department
1300 West Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: **Allocation of Program Expansion Grant Funds for
Prescott National Forest (PNF) / Community Forest Trust (CFT)
Off-Highway Vehicle Ambassador (OHVA) Program Unit**

Dear Robert:

The purpose of this letter is to request that

- the \$10,000.00 'second year funding' of our OHVA Program Expansion Grant be released to us at this time (well into the second year of the grant but not previously requested), and
- we be authorized to expend the 'second year funding' and the remaining \$2,372.68 'first year funding' in large part on direct payroll cost of our part-time Unit Coordinator (minor amount for OHVA event-related equipment & supplies).

Unit's Expansion Grant, Funding, & Expenditures To Date

The PNF / CCFT Unit has been in operation since June 2011, having been awarded an OHVA Expansion Grant on April 25, 2011. 'First year funding' received was \$8,500.00 and an enclosed trailer, complete with decal 'wrap', for use in OHVA meet & greet events. The OHVA Program also graciously provided a second trailer so that we could station one in Prescott for use in the 'Tri-Cities' area, and one in the Verde Valley. Expenditure of this funding has been as follows, leaving \$2,372.68 unspent.

| <u>Expenditure Categories</u> | <u>Amounts</u> |
|--|-----------------------|
| Trailer Towing, Safety, Security, Cleaning, & Maint Equip & Supplies | 384.84 |
| Trailer Storage Organization Equipment | 157.67 |
| Meet & Greet Equip & Supplies | 2,878.03 |
| Patrol Equipment & Supplies | 2,031.22 |
| Trail Maintenance Tools | 610.73 |
| Volunteer Insurance for Ambassadors | 64.83 |
| Total | \$6,127.32 |

Other OHVA-Related Funding Obtained by CFT

From startup of this OHVA Unit through January 6, 2012, Unit Coordination responsibilities were handled by CFT's Volunteer Coordinator, who also coordinated all of our non-OHVA volunteers in wide-ranging work such as trail maintenance, sign refurbishment, dispersed campsite maintenance, other PNF facilities maintenance, illicit dumpsite cleanups, wildlife monitoring, and invasive species removal. OHVA events were necessarily somewhat sparse in this period, during which we provided, from non-OHVA grant & agreement sources, all funding for direct payroll cost of this employee.

We then hired a part-time OHVA Unit Coordinator who began work on January 7, 2012. He worked 24 hours per week largely on OHVA related work, assisting our more general Volunteer Coordinator only when prevented from OHVA work by circumstances such as unavailability of required PNF staff or Ambassadors, or cancellation of an event due to weather. We provided, from non-OHVA grant & agreement sources, all \$16,355.89 of funding for direct payroll cost of this employee through October 7, 2012, when we had to lay off this very productive employee due to lack of further needed funding.

Finally, we also provided, from non-OHVA grant & agreement sources, all funding for 1) indefinite rental of a 3/4-ton 4x4 truck and it's fuel, maintenance, and insurance, for towing the OHVA trailers and for some work unrelated to OHVA, 2) insurance for the OHVA trailers, and 3) two SPOT emergency satellite locators/communicators and their service subscriptions, for Ambassadors' use on patrols.

Accomplishments/Events

With the assistance of approximately twelve active Ambassadors, the Unit has conducted 28 events, including stationary meet & greets, trail maintenance, trail patrols, and an appreciation picnic for the Ambassadors. Please see "Attachment A" for a list of the events with some brief explanations.

Planned Future Events, and Support Sought for Unit Coordinator

In the absence of CFT's paid Unit Coordinator, PNF staff are planning for only one event per month in 2013 and will do the needed detailed event planning previously done by our Coordinator. At this time they have identified events through July, as listed below, and will identify those for the rest of the year at a later time. Please see "Attachment A" (past events) for some explanations of terms.

1/?/2013, Copper Canyon, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and patrol

2/?/2013, Hayfield Draw OHV Area, Verde Ranger Dist.
patrol and trail maintenance

3/?/2013, Upper Verde River Location, Verde Ranger Dist.
trail maintenance

4/?/2013, Walker Rd (near Walker), Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

5/25/2013, Crown King, Crown King Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and patrol

6/?/2013, Alto Pit OHVA Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and patrol

7/?/2013, Poland Rd / Five Points, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and patrol

PNF staff acknowledge that they can support more frequent events if we are able to re-hire our Coordinator. In order to do this as soon as possible, we are requesting that

- the \$10,000.00 'second year funding' of our OHVA Program Expansion Grant be released to us at this time (well into the second year of the grant but not previously requested), and
- we be authorized to expend the 'second year funding' and the remaining \$2,372.68 'first year funding' as follows:

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|---|---------------|
| direct payroll costs * of part-time Unit Coordinator | \$1,1874.24 |
| <u>OHVA event-related equipment & supplies **</u> | <u>498.44</u> |
| total | \$12,372.68 |

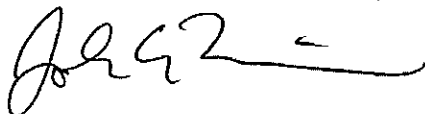
* salary, payroll taxes, and Workman's Compensation insurance

** any of categories listed under "Unit's Expansion Grant, Funding, & Expenditures To Date"

The \$11,874.24 for direct payroll costs would support **28 events** over the remaining 1-1/3 years of the grant agreement, including the seven events listed above (as mentioned, the seven events over seven months was a reduced frequency due to assumed lack of a Coordinator). This would allow for **24 hours effort per event**, at our direct payroll cost of **\$17.67 per hour**.

As you can see from the above discussion on "Other OHVA-Related Funding Obtained by CFT", we have had good success in obtaining such other sources of funding. Please be assured that we will continue to seek such funding.

Sincere thanks in advance for your consideration of this request,



John A Herring, President
Community Forest Trust

Attachment A
Accomplishments & Events of the
Prescott National Forest / Community Forest Trust OHVA Unit
Through October 2012

Meet & greets included distribution of more than 2000 brochures & maps to OHV users, and personal dialog with them, to educate regarding safety, trail etiquette, licensing requirements, Tread Lightly principles, legal places to ride, related subjects, and the OHVA Program itself.

Trail maintenance included de-brushing, rock relocation, sign installation & replacement, and minor trash pickup. Trail patrols included 1) observation and reporting to the Forest of locations needing these efforts, 2) observation & reporting of locations needing more extensive repairs, such as of water control features and washouts, and removal of larger trash items, and 3) meeting & greeting OHV users on the trail, with added dialog on any unsafe or illegal practices observed.

A 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive pickup truck has been rented indefinitely, and has been instrumental in transporting the OHVA trailers and implementing numerous trash removal efforts on the Forest.

Forest staff have conducted advanced training of Ambassadors in mapreading, GPS usage, and communication using the Forest's radio system. The aim of this, in conjunction with the training provided by the State's OHVA Program, is to create 'core team leaders' who can eventually conduct events with less or no participation by staff, allowing for increased project & event frequency. A 'Task Book' system has been established to track progress of individual Ambassadors toward this goal.

6/11/2011, Alto Pit OHV Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet, trail patrol, and trail maintenance (de-brushing)

7/15/2011, Yankee Doodle Trailhead, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

8/20/2011, Wolf Creek Rd, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet, trail patrol, and trail maintenance (trash site cleanup)

9/16-18/2011, Prescott Best Fest, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

10/22/2011, Camp Wood, Chino Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

1/7/2012, Hayfield Draw OHV Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

2/24-26/2012, Javelina Camp, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

3/3/2012, Copper Canyon Trailhead, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

3/24/2012, Hayfield Draw OHV Area, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

1/7/2012, Hayfield Draw OHV Area, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet, trail patrol, and trail maintenance (sign installations)

4/7/2012, Cottonwood Loop Trail, Verde Ranger Dist.
trail maintenance (de-brushing)

4/21/2012, Perkinsville Rd, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

5/5/2012, Cottonwood Motor Sports (dealer), Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

5/19/2012, Alto Pit OHV Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

5/26/2012, AZ Trail Riders Enduro Qualifier, Camp Wood, Chino Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

6/9/2012, Alto Pit OHV Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and GPS mapping class

6/16/2012, Yankee Doodle Trail, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
trail maintenance (de-brushing)

7/5-7/2012, Senator Hwy, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

7/28/2012, Alto Pit OHV Area, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

8/4/2012, Senator Hwy, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

8/10-11/2012, Senator Hwy, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

8/18/2012, Mingus Mountain, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet and trail patrol

9/1/2012, Poland Rd / Five Points, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

9/8/2012, Senator Hwy, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

9/22/2012, Crown King, Crown King Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

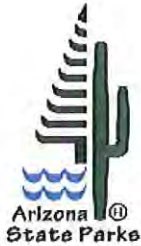
9/29/2012, Dead Horse State Park, Verde Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

10/6-7/2012, Prescott Great Outdoors Festival, Prescott, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.
meet & greet

10/14/2012, Ambassador Appreciation Picnic, Lynx Lake, Bradshaw Ranger Dist.

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Agenda Item # G-2



Title: Consider Revision to the OHV Project Grant Rating Process, Criteria and Evaluation Form
Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Resources & Public Programs
Date: March 20, 2013

Recommended Motion:

I move the Arizona State Parks Board revise the Grant Rating Criteria for the 2013 OHV Statewide Grant Program Manual per the recommendation of OHVAG on February 22, 2013.

Status to Date:

On September 20, 2012 the Parks Board approved the 2013 OHV Grant Project Rating Process, Criteria, and Evaluation Form. Priority #4 of the Project Scoring Criteria awards 5 bonus points to projects that provide letters of support for grant applications. Currently, the letters of support provided by applicants must be from non-OHV groups to earn the bonus points.

In the February 22, 2013 OHVAG meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed possible changes which may improve the OHV Grant Evaluation Form. In discussion regarding the bonus scoring criteria, the committee voiced concern regarding the restriction of OHV groups' letters of support being allowed for earning bonus points. OHVAG believes any letter of support for a grant project should earn the 5 bonus points in Priority #4 of the Project Scoring Criteria. The committee requested the Parks Board approve revising the OHV Grant Evaluation Form to reflect the change to Priority #4 of the Bonus Category.

Time Frame:

Following approval by the State Parks Board, staff will revise the OHV Statewide Program Grant Manual for the next grant solicitation to be awarded in June 2013.

Staff and Financial Resources:

Tasks fall within the normal process of administering grant projects.

Relation to Strategic Plan:

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism, and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

At their September 20, 2012 meeting, the Parks Board approved the 2013 OHV Grant Project Rating Process, Criteria, and Evaluation Form.

Attachments:

Statewide OHV Program-Bonus Category Scoring Criteria

OHVAG February 22, 2013 Meeting Discussion Summary-Agenda Item C-5

FEBRUARY 22, 2013 OHVAG MEETING – AGENDA ITEM C-5

OHVAG GRANT EVALUATION TOOL SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS:

- Request Parks Board to review OHV letter of support bonus point criteria.
- Review possibility of capped, expedited, small project application process.
- Develop definitions for nebulous terms such as “educational program”.

DISCUSSION OF OHV GRANT EVALUATION TOOL: (5:37 on recording)

Moore acknowledges possible correlation between projects that score high and relatively high requested funding amounts. However, he notes that many times the low scoring projects that don't request high amounts of funding are needed and highly valuable to the OHV community. For example, the Game & Fish grant application requesting merely \$3,000 for signage at Alamo Lake is a needed project that didn't score well. Antle agrees and notes that the way the evaluation tool is formatted, projects such as the Alamo signage project don't score well.

Moore recommends an abbreviated form for OHV grant applications with a cap amount in order to expedite smaller projects beneficial to OHV. OHVAG inquires about a past grant process similar to the abbreviated form being discussed. Baldwin notes that reductions in state funding led to staff cuts over the past few years, eliminating grant funding process changes. He also reminds OHVAG that a system which would see larger numbers of small funding projects add up to significant staff and committee review time, thus defeating the purpose of an expedited system.

Prince indicates that staff can do further research on possible changes to the grant application process. Also, he notes that staff is reviewing the possibility of funding separate entities, such as law enforcement, to help meet the needs of various sectors of the OHV community.

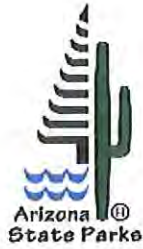
Moore doesn't agree with the “all or nothing” approach to scoring in particular categories. He believes evaluators should have the flexibility to give partial points to applications addressing portions of a priority element. Staff explains the current tool was developed and approved to reduce subjectivity and create a more straightforward approach to grant evaluation. Baldwin states the process will evolve as more grant cycles occur more frequently. He also explains some better definitions may be needed, for example, what constitutes an “educational program”?

Antle believes OHV user-groups' letters of support should account for bonus points in grant applications. Pulsifer explains the Parks Board approved the current criteria of looking to outside support for granting bonus points to grant applications. The Parks Board's goal in the bonus point requirement was to gain and reward wider public support for OHV. **OHVAG requests State Parks Board to revise the Priority #4 of the Bonus Scoring Criteria in the 2013 OHV Grant Manual.**

| BONUS CATEGORIES | Describe how your project addresses any of priorities listed in the Bonus Category: |
|---|---|
| <p>A) For projects that demonstrate the successful completion and administration compliance of prior grant projects. In order to receive points the applicant must have successfully completed all OHV Statewide Grant projects awarded within the last five years within the project period with only one project extension or less.</p> <p>B) For projects that are an expansion, phase or connection to an existing successfully completed grant assisted OHV project.</p> <p>C) For projects that provide opportunities for at least 3 multiple motorized use activities as defined in the 2010 Statewide Trails Plan.</p> <p>D) Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. For OHV Community Support if the applicant can explain and document how the OHV community demonstrated support and affirmation for the project. Or b. For projects that can explain and demonstrate proof of public community support if the applicant can document how the public demonstrated support and affirmation for the project. <p>E) For first time applicants (to include new "players" and/or new areas).</p> <p>F) For projects that demonstrate local need per the priorities identified in the current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or Local or Regional Plan. Bonus points will be awarded in this category if the applicant can explain and document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What circumstances brought the project to the forefront and why this project is a priority. b. Their public outreach efforts (e.g. public hearings, surveys, ads in local media). <p>G) For projects that implement education programs promoting responsible and safe trail use.</p> | |

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| <p>H) For project sustainability.</p> <p>a. Bonus points will be awarded in this category if the applicant can explain and demonstrate how they intend to operate, maintain or manage the facilities constructed, land acquired, or developed with OHV Statewide Grant Program Funds for a reasonable term of use equitable with the grant amount.</p> <p>I) For matching funds.</p> <p>a. Bonus points will be awarded in this category if the applicant provides for at least 25% of the total eligible project cost. Only tangible matching funds are eligible for bonus points and must be in the form of cash, equipment or supplies. A letter from the donor that indicates the value of the donation must verify all donations.</p> | | |
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Agenda Item # G-3



Title: Arizona State Parks Board will review recommendation of trails for inclusion into the State Trails System (STS)
Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Resources & Public Programs
Date: March 20, 2013

Recommended Motion: I move to accept the trails listed in Table 1 into the State Trails System:

Table 1: Trails Recommended for Inclusion in the State Trails System

| Trail Name | Mileage | Trail Manager |
|---|---------|-----------------------|
| Lake Pleasant Regional Park-Anthem/I-17 Connector Trail | 13.0 | Maricopa County |
| Mule Deer Trail | 3.4 | Maricopa County |
| Sonoran Trail | 0.8 | Maricopa County |
| Verde Trail | 1.2 | Maricopa County |
| Tortoise Trail | 0.7 | Maricopa County |
| Rock Knob Trail | 0.6 | Maricopa County |
| Chuparosa Trail | 0.5 | Maricopa County |
| Shallmo Wash Trail | 1.7 | Maricopa County |
| Alamo Springs Trail | 4.1 | Town of Marana |
| Cochise Spring Trail | 3.3 | Town of Marana |
| Lower Javelina Trail | 1.7 | Town of Marana |
| Upper Javelina Trail | 2.8 | Town of Marana |
| Wild Burro Trail | 6.3 | Town of Marana |
| Wild Mustang Trail | 3.8 | Town of Marana |
| Colorado River Nature Center Trail | 1.25 | City of Bullhead City |

Status to Date: ASCOT is charged with reviewing applications, as submitted by land management agencies, for trails to be included into the State Trails System (STS). The STS is intended to recognize and promote non-motorized trails that are of special interest due to cultural, historical, or environmental significance. Once applications are reviewed, ASCOT forwards a list of recommended trails to the State Parks Board for inclusion into the STS.

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In the March 2, 2012 and September 28, 2012 ASCOT meetings, the committee reviewed a total of sixteen (16) nomination applications for trails to be included for recommendation into the STS. One application, the Monument Hill Trail submitted by the City of Avondale, was not recommended for approval due to unresolved ownership questions. Despite the need for ownership issue resolution, the committee noted the merit of the Monument Hill Trail to be included into the STS and encouraged future reapplication. The fifteen (15) trails recommended for inclusion into the STS total 45.15 miles in length.

Time Frame: If approved, the nominated trails will be included into the STS.

Staff and Financial Resources: No additional staff or financial impacts are anticipated.

Relation to Strategic Plan:

Goal: Planning: To document our progress through planning, analysis and research.

Objective A: By collecting scientific and historical data on natural and cultural resources to better inform decision making.

Relevant Past ASCOT/Board Actions: ASCOT has continued to promote the State Trails System and accept and review nominations. As suggested by the committee, grant-rating criteria for non-motorized trail projects currently give a bonus to proposed projects on a State Trail System trail.

Attachments:

None



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Agenda Item #: G-4

Title: Consider Funding The January 2013 Statewide OHV Program Project Funding Grant Projects

Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Resources & Public Programs

Date: March 20, 2013

Options for Recommended Motion:

Option 1) I approve the OHVAG and Review Team funding recommendation to fund the seven highest scoring projects totaling \$775,563 plus funding the Arizona Game and Fish Department project for trail designation at Alamo Lake for \$3,000 for a total of eight projects in the amount of \$778,563 from the OHV Recreation Fund and/or RTP Fund (staff to determine appropriate funding source) and direct the Executive Director or designee to execute the appropriate agreements.

Option 2) I approve the AORCC funding recommendation to fund the seven highest scoring projects totaling \$775,563 plus funding the Arizona Game and Fish Department project for a trail designation at Alamo Lake for \$3,000 and also the BLM AZ State Office project for a Mobile Information Center in the amount of \$73,556 for a total of 9 projects in the amount of \$852,119 from the OHV Recreation Fund and/or RTP Fund (staff to determine appropriate funding source) and direct the Executive Director or designee to execute the appropriate agreements.

Status to Date:

On September 20, 2012 the Parks Board approved the evaluation tool and criteria to be used to evaluate motorized grant applications. This culminated a process wherein both the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) and AORCC provided input on the issues that were important in selecting projects to be funded.

The Parks Board further approved a process whereby both AORCC and OHVAG will make funding recommendations. OHVAG members will review and evaluate the grants on their own. AORCC will review the evaluation done by staff and make their recommendation.

It is anticipated that more than \$3 million will be available to fund projects during the period ending June 2014 from the OHV Recreation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. A schedule of grant cycles has been established that provides two more opportunities to apply for motorized project funding in this calendar year and two additional opportunities from January to June of 2014. Limiting the amount of funding available in each cycle will insure that sufficient funds are available for high priority projects in all cycles.

On December 7, 2012 grant staff announced the availability of grant funds for motorized projects based on the approved criteria. A grant workshop was hosted on December 19, 2012 to assist potential applicants. By the January 18, 2013 due date, fourteen applications were received requesting more than \$2.1 million in grant funds.

On January 25, 2013 the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) was provided with the grant applications and an evaluation sheet. In addition, they were given instructions for reviewing the applications according to the approved criteria and were

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asked to bring their completed evaluation sheet to the February 22, 2013 OHVAG meeting.

On January 30, 2013 a rating team consisting of three Arizona State Parks grant staff and the Statewide OHV Program Coordinator also reviewed and scored the applications.

The seven highest scoring projects totaling \$775,563 were recommended to AORCC for funding. The Statewide OHV Program Coordinator also recommends funding the Arizona Game and Fish Department Project for trail designation at Alamo Lake for \$3,000 based on the public's need for OHV trail designation to access the area responsibly. The total recommended funding for all eight projects is \$778,563. Attachment C shows the State Parks review team scoring, recommended funding, and rationale. All of these recommendations address the need to select high priority projects and reserve an amount sufficient to meet those needs in future cycles. Staff has determined which projects should receive the combined OHV Recreation Fund and Recreational Trails Program funding based on the ability of the applicant to meet the NEPA requirements and the amount of RTP funds that need to be obligated.

On February 22, 2013 the OHVAG met to review and evaluate the January 2013 Statewide OHV Program Project Funding grant applications per the Parks Board approved evaluation tool and criteria and make a recommendation for Parks Board action. Their recommendation mirrors the review team recommendation. Differences in project scoring can be attributed to a more liberal interpretation of the criteria by the OHVAG members. Attachment A shows the OHVAG scoring, funding recommendation, and rationale.

On February 21, 2013 the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission met to review the review team evaluation of the January 2013 Statewide OHV Program Project Funding grant applications. They concurred with the review team recommendation and in addition recommended funding the BLM AZ State Office – Mobile Information Center for \$73,556. Attachment B shows their recommendation and rationale.

Time Frame: Upon Parks Board approval, projects must meet SHPO and NEPA requirements. Grant staff will work with each grant recipient to execute project agreements as soon as possible. Projects should be able to begin in May 2013.

Staff and Financial Resources: Grants staff is responsible for soliciting grant projects and administering the awarded grants. The Statewide OHV Program Coordinator works closely with the Off-Highway Vehicle Group and OHV program partners to ensure the OHV Recreation Fund is used to fund high priority projects and meet the other goals of the program.

Relation to Strategic Plan:

Partnerships Goal: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

At their June 20, 2012 meeting the Parks Board approved the use of OHV funds for grant projects. On September 20, 2012 the Parks Board approved the criteria and scoring for rating OHV grant applications.

Arizona State Parks Board Action Report
Agenda Item #: G-4

Attachments:

Attachment A – OHVAG Scoring, Funding Recommendation, and Rationale

Attachment B – AORCC Funding Recommendation and Rationale

Attachment C – State Parks Review Team Scoring, Funding Recommendation, and Rationale

JANUARY 2013 STATEWIDE OHV PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING - OHVAG ANALYSIS / RECOMMENDATION - Attachment A

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| 87 | Coconino Trail Riders | CTR Equipment Purchase | This project will purchase equipment, tools, personal protective equipment, and materials to support volunteers who help build OHV trails. | \$73,008 | \$12,585 | \$0 | \$12,585 | \$76,064 | \$88,649 |
| 71 | BLM-Tucson FO | Middle Gila Canyons OHV Management | This project will purchase a Special Land Use Permit from ASLD and construct an access route to bypass the ranch residence. On the ground work includes installing signage, cattle guards, and other route maintenance. A caretaker will be hired to manage the project site and an UTV and storage shed will be provided. The project will produce and distribute maps and schedule periodic user contact events. Design & engineering is requested. | \$233,400 | \$97,000 | \$0 | \$97,000 | \$22,000 | \$119,000 |
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| 43 | BLM-Lake Havasu FO | LHFO Travel Management | This project will complete route designations and provide signage and maps. | \$129,094 | \$72,100 | \$0 | \$72,100 | \$32,500 | \$104,600 |
| 43 | AZ Game & Fish Dept | Alamo Wildlife Area Trail Signing | This project will install over 100 route signs to indicate open areas, closed areas, and seasonally closed areas. | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$1,792 | \$4,792 |
| | | | TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING | | \$676,770 | \$101,793 | \$778,563 | \$265,347 | \$1,043,910 |
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| 41 | Florence Police Department | OHV Law Enforcement Equipment | This project will purchase one UTV with light bar, safety equipment, and a trailer. | \$14,989 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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| INC | Tonto NF | Tonto OHV Volunteer Projects Expansion | This project is a three-year proposal to provide staff to identify and coordinate a broad base of projects across the forest. Projects will include signing, trail maintenance, mitigation, user education, and development of a plan for a beginner use area. | \$198,185 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$91,400 | \$91,400 |
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JANUARY 2013 STATEWIDE OHV PROGRAM PROJECT PROJECT FUNDING - AORCC RECOMMENDATION - Attachment B

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JANUARY 2013 STATEWIDE OHV PROGRAM PROJECT PROJECT FUNDING - REVIEW TEAM ANALYSIS - Attachment C

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PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

- **Maricopa County Sheriff Application:** Antle sees benefit of funding such projects; however, funding request amount seems relatively high for the scope of the project. Moore believes funding for this type of equipment purchase should be an internal agency budget matter and OHV grant funding should not be utilized. Pfeifer and Nash note the benefit and need for more “search and rescue” resources but believe law enforcement agencies should secure separate funding.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

Prince encourages applicants whose grants were not recommended for funding this cycle to contact State Parks staff for assistance to improve application for the next grant cycle.

- **BLM AZ State Office Application:** Antle states there should be a match of funds contributed from the non-motorized grant funding side due to the ambiguous, educational nature of the proposal, which is not OHV-specific. Nash concurs with Antle. McArthur agrees that the project has virtually nothing to do with OHV and it appears to serve primarily as a BLM promotional tool.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

- **Florence Police Dept. Application:** Nash notes there is no specific information provided on the educational component mentioned in the application other than an “education day”. Again, Moore states his belief that law enforcement equipment purchases should be an internal budget item. He also asks about the operational time of the proposed UTV, since there was little information provided on funding an OHV officer. Prince reminds the committee that law enforcement is a valid priority component of grant evaluation. Also, he states that State Parks is committed to encouraging rural and remote development as part of its mission. Many small towns do not have the means or knowledge to plug into the larger OHV grant/coordinated volunteer system.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

- **Tonto N.F.:** (4:51 on recording) OHVAG requests input of staff recommendation for project. Prince indicates staff decided not to score the project, although it was likely to earn a high score. Staff decided not to score

due to the lack of measurable elements in the application. Prince says the application broadly described performing road maintenance but it did not specify location of work. Doris Pulsifer describes AORCC's recommendation on the project. She notes that AORCC agreed with staff's concerns that no specific plans were detailed in the application and staff will need to work with applicants to reapply in the future. Baldwin reminds OHVAG that this project proposes hiring an employee for 3 years, the type of project component the group traditionally likes to avoid funding. Also, he explains the project was not scored by staff due to its incompleteness. The grant application manual clearly states that specific worksite location descriptions are required for project proposals, Baldwin notes.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

- **Mohave County:** McArthur describes elements of the project. The tot lot is really just an unimproved parking lot and it needs to be turned into a real practice area for children, he says. Also, he describes the access road to the tot lot as in nearly impassible condition. Moore notes that some of the cost estimates seemed unrealistic, particularly since figures are well-rounded and little written estimate support is offered. OHVAG requests input from staff's recommendation. Prince states that staff doesn't recommend funding but is willing to work with applicant on a future grant application. Prince asks OHVAG for suggestions they would like forwarded onto applicant for future reference. Members suggest better, more detailed written cost estimates and bids. Also, Antle recommends a barrier to protect tot lot area from public road. Baldwin reminds OHVAG that the project focuses on access roads to and from the trail and those routes aren't technically considered OHV trails. This is why staff issued the project a low score relative to other projects, he explains.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

- **Cave Creek Ranger District:** (4:14 on recording) No OHVAG discussion. The project was the lowest scoring in this cycle.

OHVAG recommends not funding the grant request at this time.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR PARTIAL FUNDING

- **BLM Yuma Field Office:** (4:30 on recording) Moore wants to ensure the funding amount requested for the travel management plan is appropriate. McArthur states he is against funding for the project and believes these types of mandated plans should be an internal agency operations budget matter,

not an OHV grant-funded project. Also, McArthur submits that TMP's may not be beneficial to the OHV community and asks if anyone has seen a completed TMP that benefits OHV. Nash answers that certain areas, such as Bartlett Lake in the Tonto N.F. improved OHV trails by closing certain trails but improving other trails through their TMP. McArthur indicates he's glad to hear of successful TMP outcomes but he still believes it's an internal agency budget matter. Nash replies that federal budget cuts will restrict useful management tools such as TMP's and could limit future trail opportunities since it's easier to close trails down, rather than invest in multiple routing evaluation and designation. Baldwin explains the adjusted sign cost, similarly applied to the BLM Lake Havasu application, brings a staff recommended funding amount of \$113,800.

OHVAG recommends amended funding amount of \$113,800.

- **BLM Lake Havasu Field Office:** Moore indicates the same concerns some may have with the BLM Yuma travel management plan proposal exist with this project as well. OHVAG requests staff input on recommendation. Baldwin notes that adjustments were needed in proposal for trail crew hourly wage rates. Minor changes include \$19/hr. for trail crew wages, whereas, mandated grant labor rates are \$18/hr. He also explains some concern over per sign rates of \$74. Staff researched similar sign costs and found a cost of \$50 per sign to be sufficient. Therefore, staff recommended funding \$72,100 for the project.

OHVAG recommends amended funding amount of \$72,100.

- **Coconino Trail Riders:** OHVAG requests staff input on grant application. Prince replies that staff recommended partial funding for the project. Nash recommends that State Parks purchase equipment for trail group use, instead of individual groups purchasing such equipment. Group use of trail equipment would be a more efficient use of funding, he states. Antle voices concerns about funding the "volunteer nutrition" portion of the grant request. Prince explains that staff recommended the feeding of project volunteers due to the exceptional return on investment, high amount of energy expended by trail crews, and the fact that governmental entities can't purchase food for volunteers while private trail groups are able to. Nash and Moore voice concerns about the proposed purchase of KTM's for the project. While Rokons have usefulness as tool haulers, KTM's are essentially for personal transportation. Nash restates the benefit of State Parks purchasing and loaning out trail-building equipment, instead of one group purchasing and utilizing equipment on a limited basis. Pfeifer concurs with Nash. Prince indicates an equipment loan-out program through State Parks is in the planning stages and would be an efficient use of OHV funds. Baldwin explains

staff recommended funding for chainsaws, PPE, gas cans, trash bags, and volunteer nutrition for a total of \$12,585.

OHVAG recommends amended funding amount of \$12,585.

- **BLM Tucson Field Office:** (4:37 in recording) McArthur noted some good points to the proposal, but some reductions in funding should take place. Nash indicated the caretaker's salary shouldn't be included in grant funding for the project. Antle inquires as to why the Ambassador Program can't handle the outreach event, as proposed. Prince clarifies that the Middle Gila and the Ambassador's have a long-standing relationship, though this particular outreach event is meant to be a unveiling of the new trails in the area and a land-managers' fair-type of event. OHVAG requests information regarding what staff recommends for project funding amounts. Prince indicates the original request was \$233,400 but staff recommended \$97,000. Included in the recommended funding deduction were the caretaker's salary and other line items. OHVAG concurs with staff funding recommendation.

OHVAG recommends amended funding amount of \$97,000.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FULL FUNDING

- **Lakeside Ranger District:** Antle notes the high cost per mile for the project. Pfeifer agrees the cost per mile of the project is high but the remote location contributes to the higher costs.

OHVAG recommends full funding for the project.

- **Flagstaff Ranger District, Coconino N.F.:**

OHVAG recommends full funding for the project.

- **BLM Kingman Field Office:** McArthur re-states his hesitation to fund TMP's but he indicates this project is proposing some route maintenance in addition to the TMP funding request.

OHVAG recommends full funding for the project.

- **AZ Game & Fish (Alamo):** OHVAG asks for staff input on the project. Prince states that staff recommended funding for the signage project.

OHVAG recommends full funding for the project.

Arizona State Parks Board Information Report

Agenda Item #: H-2



Title: State Parks Operations Status Update
Staff Lead: Jay Ream, Deputy Director
Date: March 20, 2013

Status to Date:

The Arizona State Parks Board worked hard to keep parks open and operating by both leveraging existing public and private partnerships and building new relationships. Of the 27 parks that were open to the public prior to the February 2009 budget cuts, all of those 27 parks are currently open and operating. Picacho Peak and Lyman Lake State Parks are open seasonally. Oracle State Park reopened on September 1, 2012 on a limited basis. San Rafael State Natural Area has never been open to the public.

- Lyman Lake reopens for the summer on May 3, 2013 and will close December 2, 2013; facilities will be limited to Day-Use during the shoulder season.
- Homolovi State Park; an agreement with the Hopi Tribe was renewed in March for the operation of the park for 12 months.
- San Rafael; a Special Use Permit was issued for cattle grazing on Arizona State Parks portion of the San Rafael Ranch. The permit goes from 3/1/2013 - 7/31/2013.

Upcoming Activities:

- Staff is renewing partnership agreements.

Time Frame/Target Date for Completion:

Staff will continue to update the Parks Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Relevant Past Board Actions:

RFP for Oracle State Park, June 16, 2010; RFP for Lyman Lake State Park, September 15, 2010; RFI for Third-Party management in Arizona State Parks, November 17, 2010; RFP for the operation of the Tonto Lodge, January 12, 2011; Arizona State Parks Board endorsed 19 partnership agreements for the operation of Arizona State Parks; Parks Board seeks legislation to protect park-generated revenues, June 23, 2011 and September 14, 2011.

Attachments:

State Parks Operations Status Update – Pages A-B
Partnership Agreement Status – Page C

Title: Operations Status Update Attachment
 Date: March 20, 2013
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A. Parks open without Financial Partnerships FY 2012:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Alamo Lake SP | |
| 2. Buckskin Mountain SP | |
| 3. Catalina SP | |
| 4. Cattail Cove SP | |
| 5. Dead Horse SP | |
| 6. Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area | |
| 7. Kartchner Caverns SP | |
| 8. Lake Havasu SP | |
| 9. Lost Dutchman SP | |
| 10. Patagonia Lake SP | |
| 11. Picacho Peak State Park* | |
| 12. Slide Rock SP | |
| 13. Tonto Natural Bridge SP* | |

B. Parks Operated by Arizona State Parks staff through Partnership Support:

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. Fort Verde SHP | Town of Camp Verde - \$30K/year for 5-years. |
| 2. Homolovi SP | Hopi Tribe - \$50K agreement to February 28, 2014 |
| 3. Jerome SHP | Yavapai County - \$20K agreement to August 31, 2013 |
| 4. Lyman Lake SP* | Apache County – 2013 Agreement Pending |
| 5. Oracle SP* | Friends of Oracle State Park provides volunteers-Park reopened on Feb 1 2013. |
| 6. Red Rock SP | Yavapai County - \$20K, agreement to June 30, 2013. |
| 7. Roper Lake SP | Graham County – agreement to June 30, 2013 |

*PARKS WITH SEASONAL OPERATING SCHEDULES

C. Parks Operated by Partners with no State Parks Staff:

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| 1. Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP | University of Arizona & Boyce Thompson Foundation |
| 2. McFarland SHP | Town of Florence/Florence Historical Society new agreement pending |
| 3. Riordan Mansion SHP | Arizona Historical Society agreement pending |
| 4. Spur Cross Conservation Area** | Maricopa County Parks |
| 5. Tombstone SHP | City of Tombstone agreement through March 2015 |
| 6. Tubac Presidio SHP | Santa Cruz County & Arizona State Parks Foundation agreement pending |
| 7. Yuma Territorial Prison SHP | City of Yuma & Yuma Crossing Heritage Area |
| 8. Yuma Quartermaster Depot SHP | City of Yuma & Yuma Crossing Heritage Area |

D. Parks that are Closed to the Public:

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| 1. Contact Point** | Unit of Lake Havasu State Park. Current used as Public Safety Dock and Law Enforcement Training Academy |
| 2. San Rafael Natural Area | Special Use Permit March 1, -July 31, 2013 for grazing. |

Title: Partnership Agreement Status Attachment
Date: March 20, 2013
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| Park | IGA No. | Partner | Date Ending | Renewal Term |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Current Agreements: | | | | |
| Ft. Verde | 10-032/11-071 | Camp Verde | 12/31/2012 | Pending |
| Homolovi | 11-036 | Hopi Tribe | 2/28/2014 | Pending |
| Homolovi | 11-009 | Winslow | 10/31/2013 | 1 Year (1) |
| Jerome | 11-023 | Yavapai Co. | 8/31/2013 | 1 Year |
| Tubac Presidio | 10-037 | Santa Cruz Co. | 3/31/2013 | Pending |
| San Rafael | SUP | Grazing | 7/31/2013 | 5 months |
| Red Rock | 10-045 | Yavapai Co. | 6/30/2013 | 1 Year |
| Red Rock Gift Shop | 11-010 | Benefactors | 6/30/2013 | 1 Year (2) |
| Red Rock Connection | 11-041 | Benefactors | 6/30/2013 | 1 Year |
| Yuma QMD | 10-006/11-062 | Yuma | 6/30/2015 | 3 Year (2) |
| Lyman Lake | 10-038A2 | Apache Co. | 12/31/2012 | available, no set term |
| Riordan Mansion | 10-039 | AHS | 3/31/2013 | Pending |
| Tombstone | 10-035 | Tombstone | 3/31/2015 | 2 Year (2) |
| Yuma Terr. Prison | 10-031 | Yuma | 3/31/2013 | Pending |
| McFarland | 11-027 | Florence | 6/30/2013 | 3 Year (2) |

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Director – Current Event

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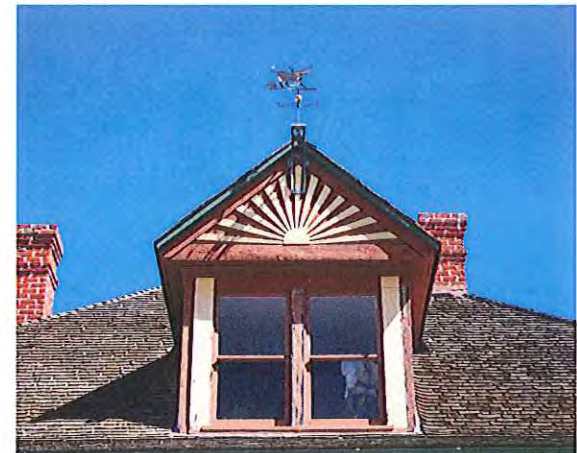
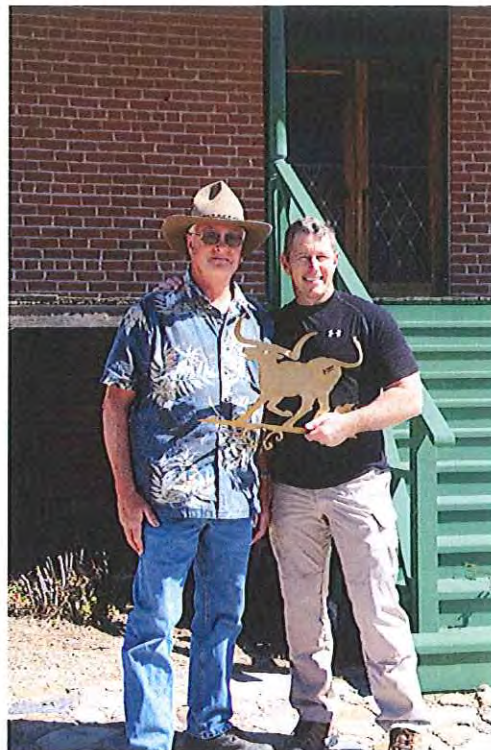
Picacho Peak – Civil War in the Southwest



Director – Current Event

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San Rafael – Ranch House Weathervane



Director – Future Events

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Tubac Presidio State Historic Park dedication as a National Historic Site in Journalism (March 23)

Catalina State Park 30th Anniversary Celebration (May 4)



STATE PARKS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- HB2181 (Agency Continuation Bill)
- HB2172 (State Lake Improvement Fund)
- HB2621 (State Parks Fund)

STATE PARKS OPERATIONS

UPDATE

Parks Open Without Financial Partnerships - FY 2013

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- 1) Alamo Lake SP
- 2) Buckskin Mountain SP
- 3) Catalina SP
- 4) Cattail Cove SP
- 5) Dead Horse Ranch SP
- 6) Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area
- 7) Kartchner Caverns SP
- 8) Lake Havasu SP
- 9) Lost Dutchman SP
- 10) Patagonia Lake SP
- 11) Picacho Peak SP
- 12) Slide Rock SP
- 13) Tonto Natural Bridge SP

Parks Operated by Arizona State Parks Staff through Partnership Support

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- 1) Fort Verde SHP
- 2) Homolovi SP
- 3) Jerome SHP
- 4) Lyman Lake SP
- 5) Oracle State Park
- 6) Red Rock SP
- 7) Roper Lake State Park

Parks Operated by Partners With No Arizona State Parks Staff

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- 1) Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP
- 2) McFarland SHP
- 3) Riordan Mansion SHP
- 4) Tombstone Courthouse SHP
- 5) Tubac Presidio SHP
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- 7) Yuma Quartermaster Depot SHP
- 8) Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

Parks Closed to the Public

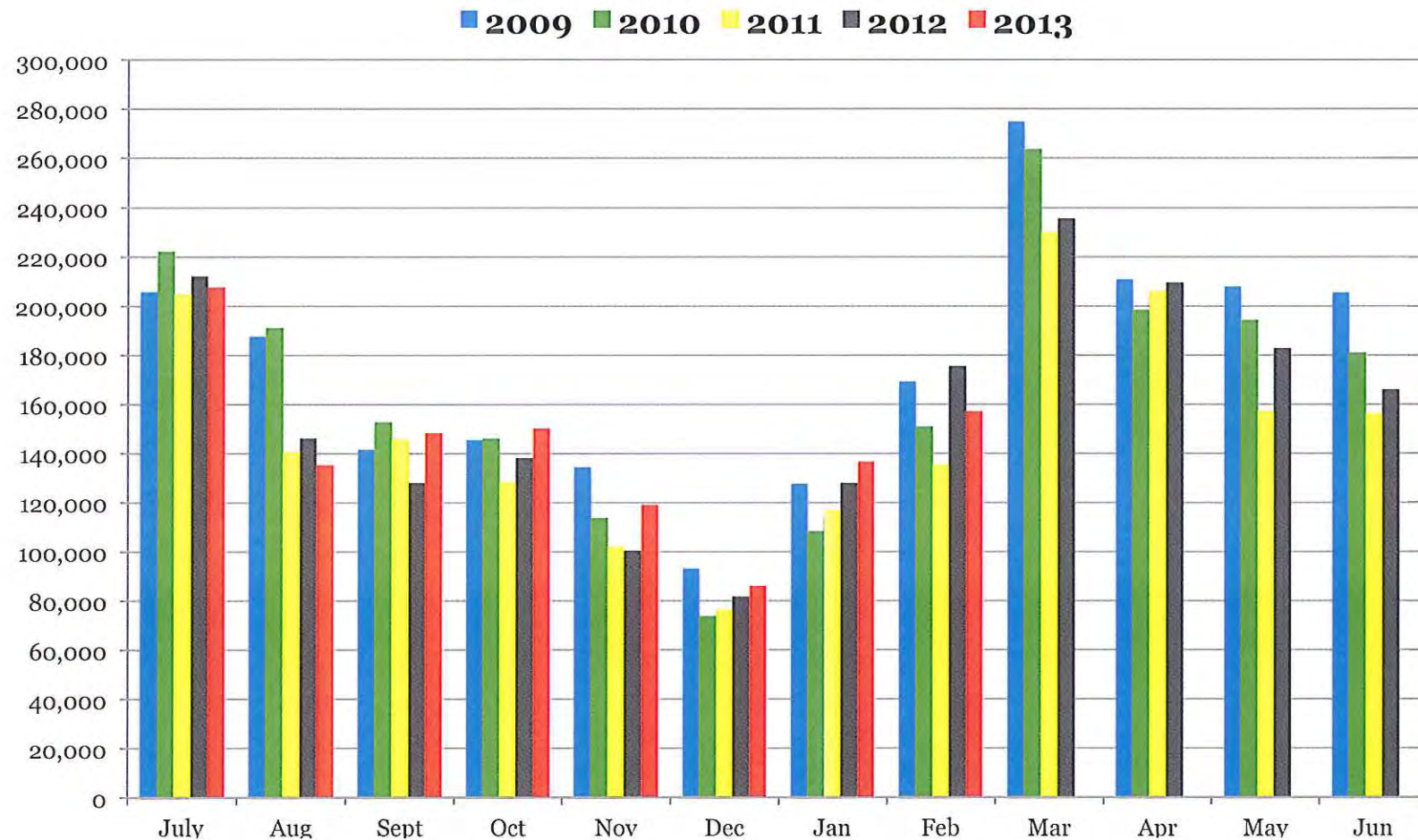
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- 1) San Rafael State Natural Area Park Closed.
- 2) Contact Point (Under Development)

- 1) Visitation
- 2) State Parks Revenue Fund
- 3) Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund
- 4) State Lake Improvement Fund

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Through February 2013

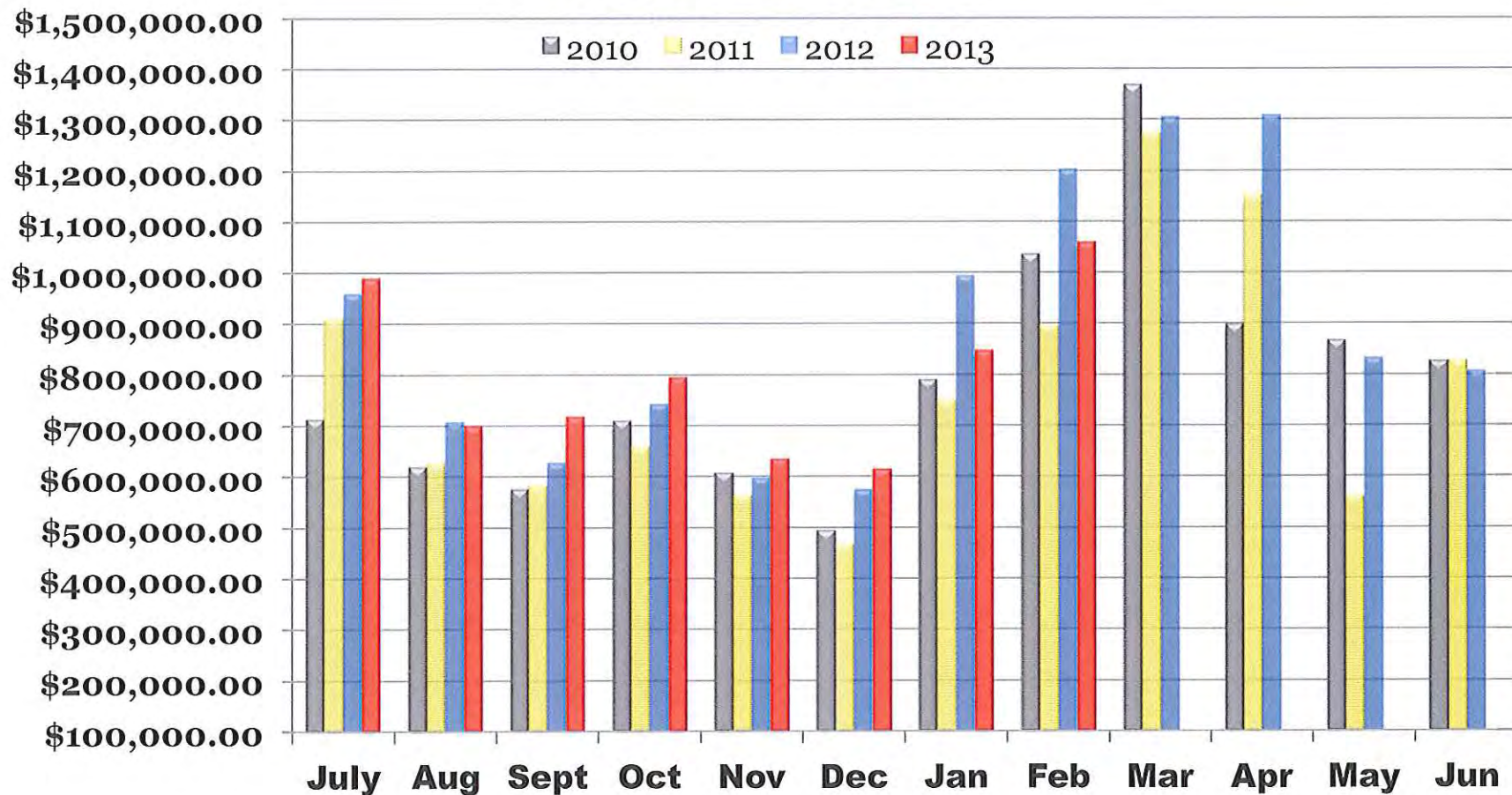


State Parks Revenue Fund

FY 2010 - FY 2013 *Revenue*

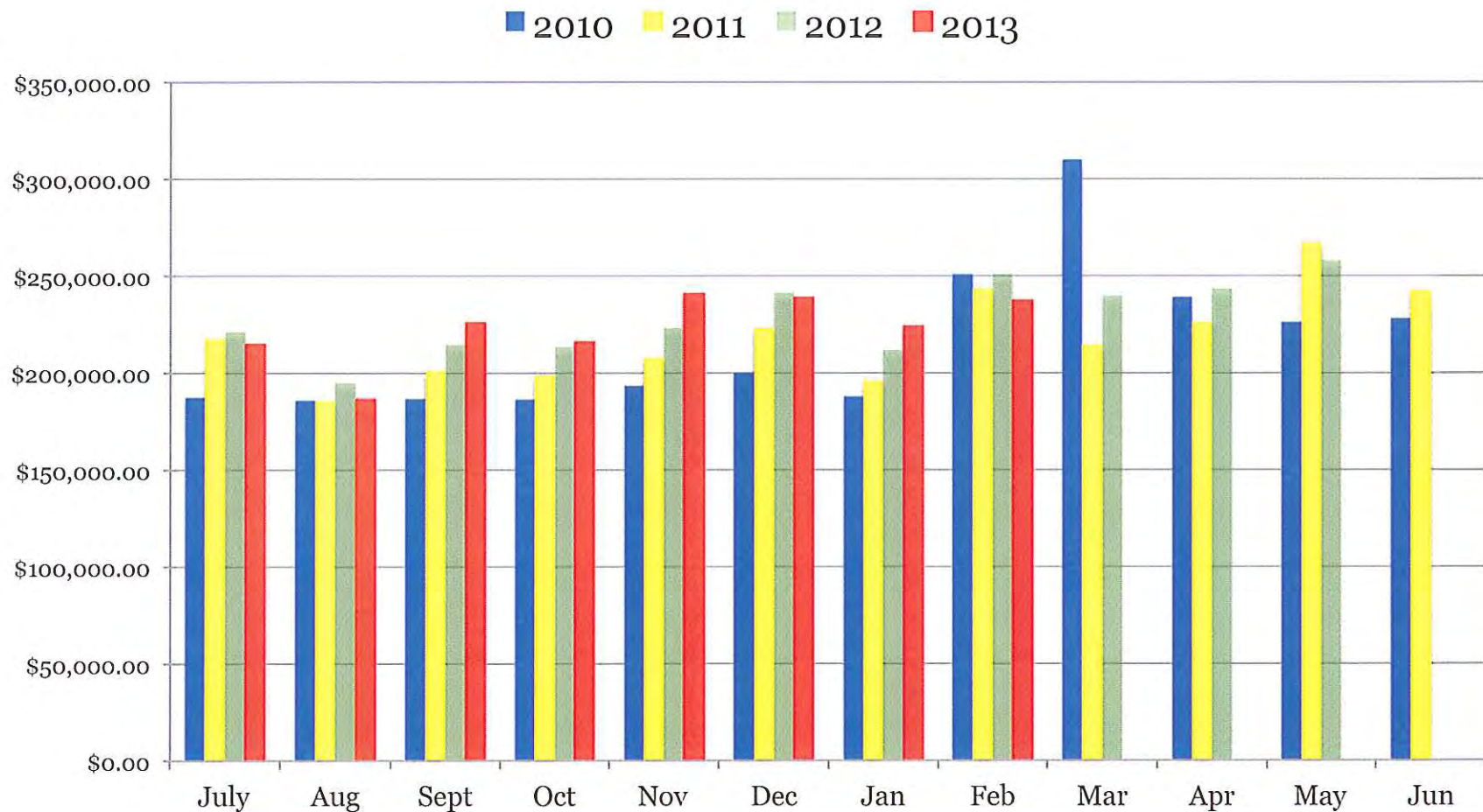
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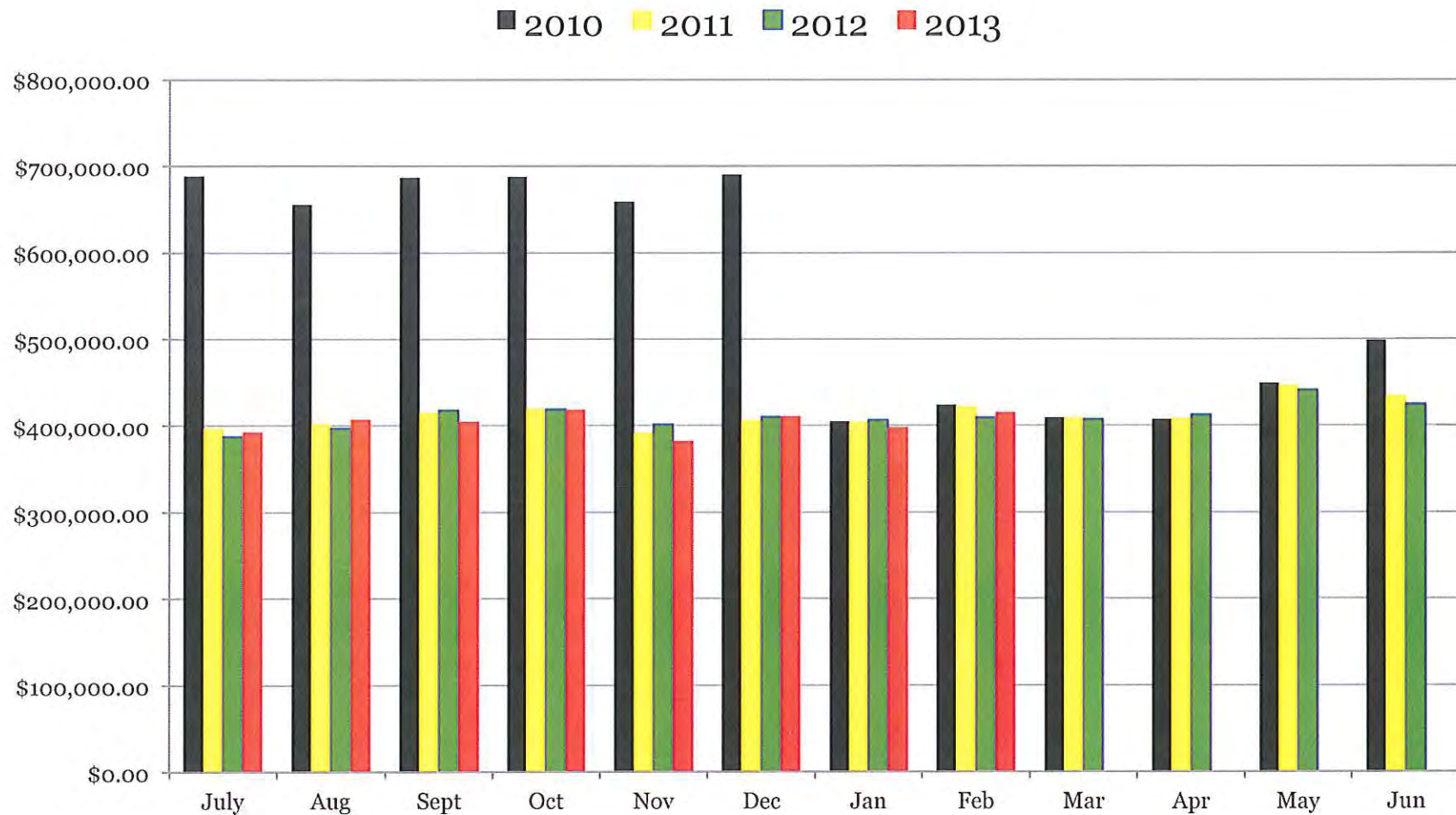
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FY 2010 - FY 2013 *Revenue*



State Lake Improvement Fund FY 2009 -FY 2013 *Revenue*

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